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1. REGARDING OUR FUTURE ATHENS PLANS, I AM NOT SURE WHAT HQ RECORDS SHOW ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO MONITOR ATHENS RADIOS. WE HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HANDLING ATHENS COVERAGE DURING ATHENS LEAVE PERIOD, AND I HAVE DISCUSSED RECEPTION WITH SOME OF THE MONITORS. THEY REPORT THAT RECEPTION IS STILL VERY POOR AND SPECULATE THAT ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE MAY HAVE EVEN REDUCED POWER SLIGHTLY DURING THE DAY TO SAVE ENERGY. I PLAN TO CHECK [REDACTED] IMPRESSIONS AS SOON AS HE RETURNS FROM LEAVE.

2. AT PRESENT ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE RECEPTION FROM ITS OWN TRANSMITTERS IS VIRTUALLY UNMONITORABLE, BUT WE CAN GET THE MAIN MIDDAY NEWSCAST VIA THE VOA RHODES RELAY STATION. THE ARMED FORCES STATION IS BETTER, BUT EVEN SO RECEPTION IS MONITORABLE ONLY IN EARLY MORNING AND EVENING AND NOT ALWAYS RELIABLE THEN. OF COURSE, THESE IMPRESSIONS ARE BASED ON AUGUST RECEPTION CONDITIONS.

3. FOR SOME TIME [REDACTED] HAS BEEN TRYING TO IMPROVE ATHENS RECEPTION BY PLAYING AROUND WITH OUR ANTENNAS ON A TIME-AVAILABLE BASIS. HE HAS SOME IDEAS, BUT THUS FAR HAS NOT SUCCEEDED IN PROVIDING RELIABLE RECEPTION.

4. SBA SITE MIGHT BE BETTER, BUT OBVIOUSLY THIS IS EXTREMELY TENUOUS. I UNDERSTAND THAT CYTA/CBC MONITOR THE ATHENS DOMESTIC FM SERVICE FROM RHODES AT A SITE ON TROODOS, BUT HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER THE SIGNAL WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE--OR WHETHER WE WOULD NEED GOC PERMISSION TO PURCHASE. RVW 05SEP86 ORG 390726 ALL CONFIDENTIAL.

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